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TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD), CH, US

SUBJECT: NESSEN ON PRESIDENT FORD'S PRC VISIT

REF: PEKING 1601

1. WE DO NOT HAVE TRANSCRIPT OF NESSEN STATEMENT BUT UPI  
CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEM AUGUST 19 DATELINED PEKIN, ILL.:

BEGIN TEXT: PRESIDENT FORD PROBABLY WILL VISIT CHINA IN  
LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER, PRESS SECRETARY RON  
NESSEN SAID TUESDAY.

THE QUESTION OF FORD'S TRAVEL PLANS AROSE WHEN REPORTERS  
TALKED TO SENATOR CHARLES PERCY, R-ILL., AFTER DEDICATION  
OF THE NEW EVERETT M. DIRKSEN CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH  
CENTER HERE.

PERCY, JUST BACK FROM PEKING, COMPLAINED THAT IT WAS MUCH  
HOTTER IN PEKIN, ILL.

ASKED WHEN THE CHINESE ARE EXPECTING FORD, PERCY SAID HE  
THOUGHT THE PRESIDENT WOULD GO THERE IN LATE OCTOBER OR  
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EARLY NOVEMBER.

BUT NESSEN SAID LATER THE TRIP WAS MORE LIKELY IN THE  
LATTER PART OF NOVEMBER OR EARLY IN DECEMBER. END TEXT.

2. IN MEETING WITH THE PRESS AUGUST 20 NESSEN IS  
REPORTED TO HAVE AMPLIFIED HIS EARLIER REMARKS BY STATING  
THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING CHINA  
THIS YEAR BUT DATES HAVE NOT BEEN SET. PRECEDING THIS  
STATEMENT, NESSEN IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD NEWSMEN THAT  
THEY MAY BE WORKING UNDER A MISCONCEPTION AS A RESULT OF  
HIS REMARKS ABOUT A VISIT IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY  
DECEMBER.

3. WE INTEND TO RESPOND TO QUERIES ALONG THE LINES OF  
PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.

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